

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 204
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Bill Burnett on being named Citizen of the Year by the White House Area Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly takes tremendous pride in specially recognizing those leading citizens of our State who are successful business people and who generously contribute their time and expertise to helping their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Bill Burnett, who has recently been chosen White House Citizen of the Year, is clearly one such exemplary person; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burnett is the owner of Burnett Trophy and Engraving, a successful White House business; and

WHEREAS, he has been a member of the White House Area Chamber of Commerce since 1993, during which time he served as Vice President for three years and as President for the 2000-2001 term; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in raising funds in the White House area to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera for the Fire Department; and

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WHEREAS, in the finest traditions of the "Volunteer State," Mr. Burnett has also generously contributed his time and leadership to many other community activities; and

WHEREAS, he has been a member of the White House Kiwanis Club for ten years, and he has served with distinction on the Board of Directors for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burnett also performs his duties as the Shriners' Turkey Lurkey the Clown with great honor and pride, bringing joy to many; and

WHEREAS, he regularly volunteers to help ensure the health of area children through the White House Lions Club's vision screenings, and he also offers his services to the Lions Club as a volunteer at the annual fundraising auction; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burnett is a member of the Disaster Action Team with the Red Cross; he serves as a first responder to any natural disaster or emergency; and

WHEREAS, in addition, he is a great morale booster to local firefighters, as he is always the first person to arrive on the scene to provide coffee, doughnuts, and biscuits to firefighters; and

WHEREAS, he is an active and faithful member of the Concord Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many years of service to the White House business community, Mr. Burnett helped preserve the freedoms of this great nation as a member of the United States Navy from 1949 through 1972, and as a member of the Army National Guard from 1972 through 1991; he retired from the Guard with the rank of Sergeant Major; and

WHEREAS, he is a loyal friend, a consummate professional, and a dedicated and dependable neighbor; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor and express our deepest appreciation to Bill Burnett; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we honor Bill Burnett on his selection as Citizen of the Year by the White House Area Chamber of Commerce, thank him for his many years of outstanding community service, and wish him much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.